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1. HOLDRIDGE AND ANDERSON CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR FOR AMERICA AND OCEANIA AFFAIRS, LIN PING, TO CONVEY INFORMATION (REFTEL) CONCERNING PLANS FOR VISIT TO PRC BY PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA. WE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED ORCHESTRA'S WISH THAT THREE PROMINENT PHILADELPHIA SUPPORTERS OF THE ORCHESTRA BE INCLUDED IN THE PARTY, BRINGING TOTAL TO 133 MEMBERS.

2. LIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND SAID RECEPTION ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY MAKING EVERY PREPARATION TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF VISIT. HE SAID THAT QUESTIONS WE HAD RAISED AND THOSE WE HAD MENTIONED EARLIER WOULD BE STUDIED AND THE CHINESE MUSICAL AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE SUGGESTIONS WHICH COULD BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

3. CONCERNING ORMANDY'S INVITATION TO PIANIST YIN CHENG-CHUNG TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO PERFORM WITH ORCHESTRA, LIN SAID INVITATION HAD BEEN CONVEYED, BUT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF HIS BEING ABLE TO ACCEPT. QUESTION OF HIS APPEARING WITH ORCHESTRA IN PEKING NOW BEING STUDIED AND LIN SAID HE WOULD GIVE US ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FINALLY, LIN REITERATED URGENT NEED FOR NAME LIST OF ENTIRE GROUP ALONG WITH PASSPORT INFORMATION. HE SAID PRC HOST ORGANIZATION

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WOULD LIKE EACH MEMBER IDENTIFIED, SHOWING WHETHER

PERFORMER, OTHER PROFESSION OR DEPENDENT.

4. COMMENT: FROM LIN'S REMARKS, IT DOES NOT APPEAR AT ALL CERTAIN YIN CHENG-CHUNG WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM WITH ORCHESTRA EVEN IN CONCERTS GIVEN IN PRC. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND TO ORMANDY THAT HE CONSIDER ALTERNATE CHINESE COMPOSITION WUCH AS SELECTION FROM RED DETACHMENT OF WOMEN FOR USE IN CASE YIN IS UNABLE TO APPEAR AT LAST MINUTE.
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